IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE CIVIL JURISDICTION

Writ Petition No.46l3 of 2005

Laxman Shankar Kaledhonkar ...petitioner
vs
Balasaheb Sadashiv Patil & ors. Respondents

Mr P.S.Joshi for petitioner
Mr. C.J.Ghogare for respondent nos.l.5 and 5
Mr.Bhushan Kakade AGP for State

CORAM: A.P.SHAH & D.Y.CHANDRACHUD JJ.

Dated 16.8.2005

P.C:

. The short question is whether the petitioner possess necessary qualification for being appointed as Principal of the Teachers Training College. The educational qualification laid down by the NCTE Act for the post of Principal of Teachers Training College is M.A.(Education)/ M.Ed. Appendix IIB which provides for norms and standards for teacher education institutions (elementary) reads as under:

Designation	Essential	Desirable
Principal	Rank:Reader Sr Lecturer in a college	Rank: Professor Qualification
	Qualifications: M.Ed/M.A.Education and five years teaching experience as lecturer	Master’s Degree in a School subject Plus Master’s Degree in Education with five years teaching experi- ence in the rank

of lecturer.

. The petitioner is B.Sc, B.Ed and he has acquired additional qualification of M.Sc (Education Communication). The petitioner is claiming the post of Principal on the basis of this additional qualification of M.Sc (Education Communication) which according to him is equivalent to M.A.(Education)/M.Ed. The Yeshwantrao Chavan Mukta Vidyapeeth from where the petitioner has acquired the qualification of M.Sc(Education Communication) addressed a letter dated 27.l2.2002 specifically stating therein that M.Sc(Education Communication) is not equivalent to M.A.(Education)/ M.Ed or Masters degree of other Universities. It is also seen that the Shivaji .University has also clarified by its letter dated l.l2.200l that M.Sc(Education Communication) is not equivalent to M.Ed (Master of Education) degree. It appears that M.Ed is a Masters degree in education which is a one year full time course prescribed by the Shivaji University and two years course by the Yashwantrao Chavan Mukth Vidyapeeth whereas the M.Sc (Education Communication) is a correspondence course which is equivalent to the refresher course of two weeks each,as can be seen from the letter of the UGC of September l993 and Government Resolution dated l8.3.l998.

. In the circumstances it is clearly seen that the petitioner is not eligible for the post of Principal of Teachers Training College. Petition

is dismissed.